

House Resolution No. 2991

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Brad Belk of Joplin, Missouri, who is being honored by the City of Joplin for his many and significant contributions to historic preservation in Joplin; and

Whereas, Brad Belk is the Executive Director of the Joplin Museum Complex, which houses impressive and extensive collections of Joplin's rich heritage; and

Whereas, for over twenty years, Brad Belk has been a dynamic force in Joplin's historic preservation; and

Whereas, historian, author, archivist, educator, exhibit designer, conservator, curator, and historic film script writer and producer, Brad Belk has been keeping Joplin's history alive with his presentations, newspaper articles, brochures, books, calendars, award-winning documentaries, videos, and a sixteen-part television series; and

Whereas, Brad Belk's labors have captured the excitement of the Joplin's early mining days and Wild West atmosphere and of the opulence and grandeur of the City as it grew and prospered with the stories of the families who chose to make Joplin their home and by chronicling through world wars, urban renewal, blight, and now revitalization:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations and gratitude to Brad Belk on the occasion of his being recognized by the City of Joplin for civic contributions; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Brad Belk, as a measure of our esteem.

Offered by _____
Representative Ronald F. Richard
District No. 129

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2991, adopted May 13, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker